

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Wu et al.

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Serial No.: 10/576,491

Group Art Unit: 1652

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Examiner: S. Swope

For: Protease with Improved Stability in Detergents

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Applicants enclose an Amendment Filed with Request for Continued Examination.
2. Applicants enclose a Declaration of Dr. Jürgen Knötzl under 37 CFR 1.132.
3. Applicants request that the time for response to the Office Action dated July 23, 2010 be extended for a period of three (3) months from October 23, 2010 up to and including January 23, 2011.
4. All required fees were charged to Novozymes North America, Inc.'s Deposit Account No. 50-1701 at the time of electronic filing. The USPTO is authorized to charge this Deposit Account should any additional fees be due.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 21, 2011

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